



Staff News

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Paso and Mt. Bullion Hold Graduations

Mt. Bullion Youth Conservation Camp held its Spring, 2000 graduation ceremony on Friday, June 2. The sixteen honorees included eight students who received a General Education Development certificate and eight who earned their high school diplomas.

The event included a tri-tip lunch for the honorees, more than twenty of their family members and other guests who wound their way up the mountain to attend the ceremony.

Dave Crosson, administrator of Compensatory Education, from the California Education Authority, in Sacramento, was the guest speaker, and speaking from the class were **Abraham Arrizon** and **Johnny Barrera**.

According to **Dennis Baker**, camp assistant superintendent, in the school year 1999-00, Mt. Bullion Youth Conservation Camp, has awarded 22 GED certificates and 10 high school diplomas.

El Paso de Robles' Marie C. Romero High School held its graduation ceremony. The high school graduated 64 students with high school diplomas. The students, teachers, and guests at the ceremony also witnessed six other students receive their associate of arts degrees.

Four Nagazyna High Students Headed for Summer School at Cal State, Sacramento

In a collaborative effort between Education and Parole, Teacher **Kelley Birch** and PAII **Frank Mijares** have enrolled four students in a summer math program called Project Excel. They attended the Parent/Student Orientation with the students on Saturday, June 3.

This program is an intensive math enrichment program sponsored by Sacramento City Unified School District.

The students will attend four weeks of classes at California State University, Sacramento. Madelyn Nagazyna High School, Midtown Campus is the YA school located at the Sacramento Parole Office.

Marc-Aurele and Haynes Named as Superintendents by Harper

YA Director **Jerry Harper** has made his first appointments since taking the helm at the YA.

Mr. Harper has appointed **Yvette Marc-Aurele** to head the DeWitt Nelson Youth Correctional Facility (DWN YCF) and **Vern Haynes** as head of the O. H. Close Youth Correctional Facility (OHCYCF).

Ms. Marc-Aurele is a 22-year veteran of the YA and has been the superintendent at OHCYCF since 1998. This is a return to DeWitt Nelson where she once served as assistant superintendent. Prior to that time, she spent 13 years at Karl Holton YCF, and was a parole agent at OHCYCF.

Ms. Marc-Aurele obtained her bachelor of arts degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Sacramento.

Mr. Haynes is also a 22-year veteran in the YA and he moves to the superintendent position at OHCYCF after serving as assistant superintendent at DeWitt Nelson YCF since 1998. Mr. Haynes started his career as a youth counselor at El Paso de Robles YCF and later moved to Ventura YCF where he had twice been appointed as a limited-term treatment team supervisor. He accepted a permanent position at N. A. Chaderjian YCF in 1991.

Mr. Haynes also served as captain at Karl Holton YCF and major at the Northern Youth Correctional Reception Center and Clinic before returning to DWN YCF as assistant superintendent.

"Both Yvette and Vern will assume their new positions effective June 19," said Mr. Harper in making the announcement. "Please join me in congratulating Yvette and Vern on their promotions," he added.

Ventura Key Club Donates to Local Elementary School Kids

The Ventura YCF Key Club members donated \$500, so that kids from the Oxnard Elementary School could participate in the city's third annual "Chalk One Up For Kids" project. The event took place on June 3 and 4 at Plaza Park in Oxnard.

Chalk drawings were "painted" on North Fifth Street sidewalks by children, adult artists, and school groups. The funds raised by the event go to benefit the Oxnard Elementary School District Educational Foundation.

This is the second year that the Ventura YCF wards participate in the event. The money they donate allows the children to participate without having to pay the entry fees required of other participating artists.

CalPERS Long-Term Care Enrollment

CalPERS started an open enrollment period for the Long-Term Care Program on April 1, 2000, and will run through June 30.

All employees, tenures, and time bases are eligible and you don't have to be a PERS member. If you would like to request free information and an enrollment kit call 1-800-266-1050, or you may get pamphlets in your personnel office.

Wedding News!!!

Julie Castro, Office Technician for Information Technology (IT) was recently married. Julie and her husband, **Daniel Feliciano**, were married on Saturday, April 29, 2000, at St. Elizabeth's Church in downtown Sacramento. The two had been dating for almost seven years.

Immediately following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Feliciano hopped on a plane to Miami, Florida to enjoy a 7-day Caribbean Cruise.

Baby Front

Dave Ford from O. H. Close reports that on May 11 YCC and Mrs. **Patrick Mayer** brought **Sydney Nicole Mayer** into the YA family. The wee lass weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 oz.

And, **Josie Hayes** reports from El Paso Robles that TTS **Oddette Howard** became a proud grandmother on May 9, when her daughter **Eshe Greenwood** gave birth to **Lamonte Akil Williams** to the family. Master Lamonte arrived 14 weeks early weighing one pound, 14 ounces. Oddette reports that mother and baby are doing fine and thanks everyone for their prayers.

SYCRCC Grads Grab Media Attention

The 37 young men that received their graduation certificates, either in the form of diplomas or GEDs, at the Southern Youth Correctional Reception Center and Clinic, were the focus of attention of parents, friends and staff. SYCRCC's PIO **Gabriel Kovnator**, also made sure the rest of the world knew about the teachers' and students' achievements garnering feature articles on the event in the *Whittier Daily News* and the *Long Beach Press-Telegraph*.

Staff Movement

On May 15 Information Technology (IT) welcomed our new Data Processing Manager I, **Richard Gillihan**. Mr. Gillihan comes to IT from N.A. Chaderjian, where he worked as a LAN Manager.

IT would also like to welcome programmer **Hsiao-Hua Huang**. Ms. Huang is working as a programmer on the Youthful Offender Data Access (YODA) system. She previously worked for PERS.

Another recent addition to IT is student **Michael Schultz**. Mr. Schultz began working for IT on May 16, 2000. Mr. Schultz will be helping with Mac Support.

I&C welcomed new employees **Jose Gutierrez**, O.T. in Intake Unit, and the return of **Mike McPartlan**, O.A., Master Files Unit. Mr. McPartlan returns from a short stint at CDC's Woodland Parole Office.

Ben Lomond has lost their LAN manager when **Lawrence Colacion** promoted to parole agent I in the San Jose Parole Office on June 1.

N. A. Chaderjian welcomed the following new hires: **V. June Delay**, RN; **Anita Yusi**, OSSII; **Joanne Castillo**, pers. spec. I; **Staci Delamar**, pers. spec. I; **Brian Amador**, YCC; **Gregory Strieff**, YCC; **Henry Mejia**, YCC; **Salvador Arellano**, YCO; **Richard Banda**, YCO; **Kathy Carpenter**, YCO; **Ronald Flliman**, YCO; **Montay McDaniel**, YCO; **Ernest McGhee**, YCO; **Mark Miranda**, YCO; and **Vickie Contreras**, SYCC.

Heman G. Stark's **Craig Chavez** promoted to business manager II, and **Richard Mahoney** is now a senior psychologist at SYCRCC's Intensive Treatment Program.

25 Years

Lt. Bob Ryan
NYCRCC

William "Bill" Costa
Assist. Superintendent
Education Central Office

Joe Murdock
YCO

N. A. Chaderjian
Linda Carol Bone
Resource Specialist
N. A. Chaderjian

Arthur Perez
YCO
Heman G. Stark

Staff Development

Supervisors Training Development at Work

The Supervisors Development Steering Committee (SDSC) has been extremely busy during the last couple of months. SDSC is a committee comprised of supervisors from across all branches of the department. They meet once a month, and their goals is to improve the quality of training for YA supervisors.

With the passage of AB 271, the Training Services Division is now required to write curricula for peace officers that meets the standards of the Commission on Correctional Peace Officers Standards and Training (CPOST). This new legislation has created a tremendous amount of work at the Youth Authority Training Center, as there are only two courses that have passed CPOST approval for use in training, and all of the training provided to peace officers must be written to CPOST's high standards.

Curricula and Staff Development Bureau staff are currently writing for the 640 hours of curricula for the Basic Academy, 50 hours of curricula for refresher courses, over 60 hours for field parole training, and over 100 hours of training curricula for the Basic Supervisors Program.

The SDSC has been instrumental in developing the Core Tasks and Performance Standards for the courses for Basic Supervisors training. All goals and objectives for the training will be directly aligned with the performance standards set by this committee and approved by the Management Development Steering Committee. Team members from SDSC have worked for over 60 hours to develop Core Tasks, Performance Standards and the corresponding Knowledge, Skills and Abilities that will be used to develop department training for first line supervisors.

In the meantime, SDSC has also set the goals and provided topics for the Middle Managers Training for SDSC to review and approve. This training is tentatively scheduled for October 2000. Look for more information on that to be coming soon.

Editor's note: We have asked the YATC to submit articles on training programs that are or will be available to YA staff. You will see the "Staff Development" column more often in coming weeks.

Retirements

Rick Foster

PA I
N. A. Chaderjian
Total State Service: 30 yrs. 9 mos.
Retirement date: April 1, 2000

Judy Crawford

Teaching Assistant
N. A. Chaderjian
Total State Service: 18 yrs. 6 mos.
Retirement date: May 1, 2000

Mary Ketchem

O. A.
N. A. Chaderjian
Total State Service: 12 yrs. 1 mo.

Archy Grant

Casework Specialist
NYCRCC
Total State Service: 32 yrs.
Retirement date: May 31, 2000

Beverly Collins

Nurse Practitioner
Heman G. Stark
Total State Service: 22 yrs. 3 mos.
Retirement date: June 12, 2000

Paul Devez

Teacher
Heman G. Stark
Total State Service: 11 yrs. 11 mos.
Retirement date: June 30, 2000

Edwin Noonan, Jr.

Vocational Instructor
Heman G. Stark
Total State Service: 15 yrs. 9 mos.
Retirement date: June 7, 2000

Employees of the Month

January

NYCRCC

Robert Reyes

Asst. Food Manager

February

NYCRCC

Kelly Birch

Teacher-Midtown Campus

March

NYCRCC

Mike Wright

Electrician II

April

NYCRCC

Mae Adams

Office Technician

May

NYCRCC

Al Smith

YCC

June

N. A. Chaderjian

John Beamon

YCC

Mt. Bullion

Jeff Baladad

YCC

George Shipp

Maintenance Mechanic

Heman G. Stark

Yvette Scott

Office Services Supervisor I

O. H. Close

Patsy Ordez

Personnel Services Supervisor I

Barbara Couch

Personnel Services Specialist I

Jessica Gold

Personnel Services Specialist I

Christine Bowler

Personnel Services Specialist I

From the Editor

We want to announce deadlines for the next three months of publication for the *Staff News*. This should help any of you who may want to submit articles or pictures. This will be especially helpful in getting announcements of retirement parties or events planned by staff.

June 21 edition	deadline	June 14
July 5	"	June 28
July 19	"	July 13
August 2	"	July 27
August 16	"	August 10
August 30	"	August 24

Send 35mm or digital photos only. You can E-Mail or snail-mail the articles. Remember, this is your *Staff News*. Catch a staff member doing something special and send it in.

Julio Calderón, Editor



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The Electronic Edition

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Toastmaster Travels to Regional Competitions

Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp is headquarters to the first and only Toastmasters Club that is headquartered in a correctional facility. This has been the work of Pine Grove volunteer **George Nickins**, who founded and chartered the Amador Toastmaster Club #6786 of District 39. Recently, ward **Jeff Tucker** was invited to make a presentation at the Toastmaster divisional speech competitions as the event's "Target Speaker" in West Sacramento. Mr. Tucker had to deliver his speech to more than 100 Toastmasters and guests who gathered at the Money Store facilities.

When Mr. Tucker received his invitation, Mr. Nickins and Resource Specialist **Lyla Osmundson**, helped Mr. Tucker prepare for his presentation. Mr. Nickins and Ms. Osmundson have been the motivators who have encouraged club president Tucker and other wards to make this unique organization a success.